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ANTIBODIES FOR ORGANOCHLORINE PESTICIDES

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraphs below with the following clean versions. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Page 1, last paragraph through page 2, first paragraph:

In recent years, techniques of producing antibodies (polyclonal and monoclonal) have been developed which make it possible to obtain homogeneous, highly specific antibodies. Generally, polyclonal antibodies are used extensively in diagnostics industry. Most commonly they are raised in mammals such as rabbits, mice, rats, horses and goats. This form of antibody production has several disadvantages – large mammals are expensive to maintain, while small mammals yield small quantities of antibody. In addition, there is a